

Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Reformation Sunday) Oct. 29, 2023

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

What is a Lutheran?

While there is a variety of ways one could answer this question, one very important answer is simply this: "A Lutheran is a person who believes, teaches, and confesses the truths of God's Word as they are summarized and confessed in the Book of Concord." The Book of Concord contains the Lutheran Confessions of faith.

When a pastor is ordained, he promises that he will perform the duties of his office in accord with the Lutheran Confessions. When people are confirmed, they are asked if they confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as they have learned to know it from the Small Catechism to be faithful and true.

These solemn promises indicate to us just how important the Lutheran Confessions are for our church. Let's take a look at the various items contained in the Book of Concord, and then we will talk about why the Lutheran Confessions are so important for being a Lutheran.

What are the Ecumenical Creeds?

The three Ecumenical Creeds in the Book of Concord are the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. They are described as "ecumenical" [universal] because Christians worldwide accept them as correct expressions of what God's Word teaches.

What Is the Augsburg Confession and Apology of the Augsburg Confession?

In the year 1530 the Lutherans were required to present their confession of faith before the emperor in Augsburg, Germany. Philip Melancthon wrote the Augsburg Confession, and it was read before the imperial court on June 30, 1530. One year later, the Lutherans presented their defense of the Augsburg Confession, which is what "apology" here means. It, too, was written by Philip Melancthon. The largest document in the Book of Concord, its longest chapter is devoted to the most important truth of the Christian faith: the doctrine of justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

What are the Small and Large Catechisms?

Martin Luther realized early on how desperately ignorant the laity and clergy of his day were when it came to even the most basic truths of the Christian faith. Around 1530, he produced two small handbooks to help pastors and the heads of families teach the faith. (*see page 2*)

The Small Catechism and the Large Catechism are organized around six topics: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar. So universally accepted were these magnificent doctrinal summaries by Luther that they were included as part of the Book of Concord.

What are the Smalcald Articles and the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope?

In 1537, Martin Luther was asked to prepare a statement of Lutheran belief for use at a church council, if it was called. Luther's bold and vigorous confession of faith was later incorporated into the Book of Concord. It was presented to a group of Lutheran rulers meeting in the town of Smalcald. Philip Melancthon was asked to expand on the subject of the Roman pope and did so in his treatise, which also was included in the Book of Concord.

What is the Formula of Concord?

After Luther's death in 1546, significant controversies broke out in the Lutheran Church. After much debate and struggle, the Formula of Concord in 1577 put an end to these doctrinal controversies, and the Lutheran Church was able to move ahead united in what it believed, taught, and confessed. In 1580, all the confessional writings mentioned here were gathered into a single volume, the Book of Concord. *Concord* is a word that means "harmony." (*continued next week*)

taken from Lutheranism 101, (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO), pgs.179-180

REMEMBERING OUR CHURCH WORKERS

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you. . . writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (Phil. 1: 3). With this same gratitude let us remember and thank our pastors, vicar and all who teach God's Word to us and our children during the month of October.

CHRISTMAS VESPERS

It's already time to start thinking about the Children's Christmas Program at Good Shepherd! All children (ages 3—14) are invited to participate. As in the past, we will be learning several verses of 6 Advent and Christmas hymns and leading the congregation in singing those hymns on Wednesday, December 20th at the Advent vespers service that night. We will practice during the Sunday School hour on Sundays from 9:30 until 10:20 am beginning November 26th. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Elizabeth Moline, Jerika Perrin, or Marlyse Goodroad so we can make sure we have enough copies of music, etc. Children who would like to participate need to attend at least 3 practices (so we can make sure everyone knows the music). Please contact Elizabeth, Jerika, or Marlyse with any questions as well.

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A lie is the refuge of weakness. The man of courage is not afraid of the truth.

— J. C. Macaulay —

Use everything as if it belongs to God. It does. You are His steward.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the prayer list, you may

call during the 6th week to renew it.

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (6)
- **Pastor Luke Russert**, for a successful adjustment of his medication (4)
- **Wayne Schuster**, nephew of Rich & Lorelee Novak, receiving cancer treatment. (3)
- **Lori Sidlo**, recently diagnosed with memory issues (6)
- **Taylor**, grand-daughter of Holly Herrod, dealing with complications following surgery (6)
- **Tish Loomis**, having medical tests. Pray for God's guidance for the doctors in finding causes and treatments (6)
- **Anne Nelson**, daughter-in-law of Arlene Nelson, recovering from a fall.(5)
- **Sandy Ernst**, grandmother of Megan Lichtenfeld, recovering from a stroke (5)
- **Barb Kumm**, recovering from hand surgery (3)
- **"Buddy"**, born to John & Ashley McClinton, friends of Eric & Lisa Klutz, at 24 weeks. Please pray for continued strength and healing (2)
- **Scott Clark**, nephew of Linda Clark, hospitalized with COPD (3)
- **Ellie Anderson**, friend of Grace Marshall, dealing with health issues and pain, Please pray for peace, answers, and alleviation of pain. (3)
- **Karen Kammann**, for guidance in making a good decision about treatment options (2)
- **Tom Schmidt**, brother of Rev. John Schmidt, having heart issues (2)
- **Greg Kurtzer**, having back surgery on Wed., Oct. 25th (2)
- **Elaine Egner**, dealing with heart & lung issues (2)
- **Norma Pagels**, mother of Barb Poppe, hospitalized and transitioning to living in a care facility (1)

- **Dawn & Tom Vontz**, sister & brother-in-law of Dee Indgjer. Prayers of thanksgiving for a successful transplant of a kidney from Dawn to Jenny Carouthers, who is doing well. Prayers for her continued health. Brother-in-law, Tom Vontz is now actively awaiting a suitable donor. (2)
- **Patricia Ann Baxter-Nuner**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, awaiting medical test results (3)
- **Karen Tagge**, friend of Terry Fitzgerald, recovering from surgery (3)
- **Rose Beck**, grandmother of Angela Von Busch, having health issues (3)
- **For the family of Paula Kriz**, friend of Wendy Stepp, who was taken to her eternal home recently. (2)

OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT

The **Haiti Lutheran Mission Society** has a three-part mission. This includes the saving of souls, the healing of bodies, and the providing of accredited Christian education. Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere where 70% of children under the age of five suffer from malnutrition. Check out the brochures on the bulletin table for more information.

NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENT

For the November youth group event, we will be doing Thanksgiving/Christmas crafts. I found some free printable coloring pages online that I will print off; for all other crafts I will be going to Hobby Lobby to get materials. If you have any suggestions for simple crafts that we can do, let me know. The event will be on November 12th after the 10:30 am service in the fellowship hall. I will be bringing a meat & cheese platter along with a fruit platter as a main dish and anyone who comes can bring a side dish to share.



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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— John 8: 36— “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed..”

Today we celebrate Reformation Day. Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES (October 29 thru November 5)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Steve Wright Arlene Nelson
Weston Peters Marilyn Meyer

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Jonah & Madison Jordening

LIFE MOMENT

On this Reformation weekend, let’s rekindle our commitment to be faithful to the God who both preserves and redeems this world in His ways And let’s remind ourselves of the blessings that come from following Him in all things, now and forever.

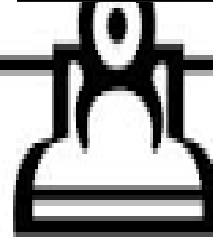
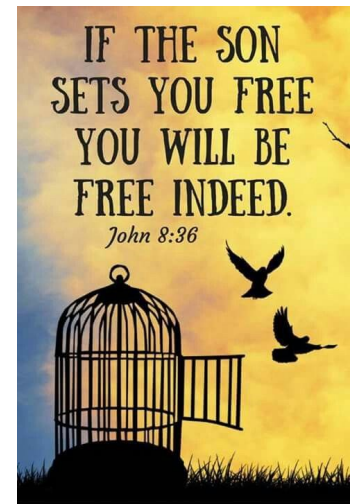
REFORMATION CELEBRATION

Join us on Reformation Sunday, October 29th at noon(ish) in the Fellowship Hall for a Reformation Celebration with brats, trivia for the adults, and a coloring/drawing competition for the kids. The elders will serve brats and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish to share. Free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of brats and hot dogs. Extra funds will be added to the vicarage fund. Contact Sarah Kaldahl (660.238.7327) with questions.

OWLS FELLOWSHIP

Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) will be meeting on the first Friday of each month for fellowship, games, etc. at 2 pm. Please bring a snack to share. The next date will be November 3rd.

Are you lost? Jesus said, “I am the way.”



FINANCIAL INFORMATION OCTOBER 22, 2023

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,184.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., OCT 18: 63
THURS. MATINS: 36
SUN., OCT. 22: : 235

GENERAL FUND OFFERING:
\$ 6,506.50

OUR OUTSTANDING MORT-
GAGE: \$ 1,732,996.27

Our goal is to pay off the mortgage
by 2030

We need \$2,300 per week donated
in principal only payments to ac-
complish this.

Between Oct. 1 and Oct. 22, 2023
We have received
\$ 419.00
in principal only gifts.

Principle Only Gifts since
October 2022;
\$ 197,307.69

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS: (Sun., Oct. 29): 8 am: Loraine Harnett
10:30 am: Terry Fitzherald
(Wed., Nov. 1):

ELDER TODAY: (Sun., Oct. 29): Mark Reinke
(Wed., Nov. 1): Mark Reinke

USHERS: (Sun., Oct. 29): 8 am: Stepps, Brodbeck, Sidlo
10:30 am: Perrin, Keller, Novaks
(Wed., Nov. 1): Kaldahl, Huff, Von Busch (D & R)

ACOLYTES: (Sun., Oct. 29): 8 am: Broderic Beed
10:30 am: Anthony Pflanz
(Wed., Nov. 1): Brantley Reinke

ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., Oct. 29): Chloe Lichtenfeld
(Wed., Nov. 1): Raiya von Rentzell

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., Oct. 29): Deb Burow
(Wed., Nov. 1): Karen Huff

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., Oct. 29): Maureen Marshall/Nancy & Sarah Stepp
(Wed., Nov. 1): Karen Huff

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., Oct. 29): John & Linda Reigle

MISSION PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER

In the month of November Good Shepherd's mission project will be Pastor Michael & Irene Paul, serving our Lord in Taiwan. Their new apartment is located in Chiayi which gives them a whole new set of neighbors to get to know and with whom to share God's love and saving Word. We have in the past hosted several Bible study hours in which they shared some of the challenges that are presented in learning about the cultural differences they have encountered. Their love for God's children and patience in teaching is quite evident.

TREAT BAGS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We will again be preparing treat bags for our college students as they approach the end of the semester. Please contact Elizabeth Moline (701) 640-7989 or molineae@gmail.com if you would like to donate money or treats or if you would be willing to help assemble the bags. All donations need to be received by November 8th.

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK

It's time to set our clocks back on Saturday, November 4th.

GOOD SHEPHERD SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Several of our shut-in members have requested to be listed in the News & Notes in order that members might pray for them.

Ron Amack (at home)
Betty Bluhm (at The Grand Lodge)
Joe & Sharon Burke (at home)
Jim & Peggy Cather (at home)
Elaine Egner (at home)
Shirley Kalina (Pemberly Place)
Janet Kniep (at home)
Tish Loomis (at home)
Dorian Merritt (at home)
Cindi Olson (Country House)
Dean Posner (Holmes Lake Rehab)
Alice Urbach (at home)

Anita Armitstead (at home)
Irma Brandt (Yankee Hill Village)
Jim & Marilyn Carr (at home)
Georgene Duer (at home)
Verneda Gerdes (at home)
Arlyss Ketelsen (at home)
Jerry Kohl (The Woodlands)
Lynda Mahloch (Legacy Estates)

Francine Poppe (Azria Health, Central City)
Marvin & Joyce Thompson (The Landing)
Don Wiese (Southlake Village)

On the tall table next to the pro-life display is a way for you to send birthday and anniversary greetings to our shut-in members. There are cards to sign or you may write a short note to those having birthdays and anniversaries in the current month. **We currently remember Joe Burke, Sandie Tvrz, and Tish Loomis who will celebrate their birthdays. Cards will be available to sign until Wed., Nov. 8th.** Thank you to everyone who has taken advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with our shut-in members.



THANKSGIVING

Good Shepherd will have the usual Wed. eve service at 6:30 pm on Nov. 22nd and a Thanksgiving Day service at 9 am on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23rd. There will be no midweek classes on Wed., November 22nd.

MISSION TRIP TO MISSION CENTRAL

All are invited to join members of the LWML Lincoln Zone on a bus trip on Saturday, Nov. 18th to Mission Central in Mapleton, IA. We want to fill a bus so men, women and children are included. Carol Halter, a missionary who has been in India for 30 years will speak to us and we will have a full tour of the facilities. A catered meal will be served at noon. The cost is \$37.95 per person.

Departure time is 8 am from Messiah Lutheran Church, 1800 South 84th Street in Lincoln. This is a day trip and we will return to Messiah around 6 pm.

Please make your reservation with Jeanne Krutz at (402) 890-1433 or jeannekrutz@hotmail.com. Payments can be sent to: Mission Circle, P. O. Box 57, Roca, NE 68430. Good Shepherd contact person is Sandy Langemeier, (402) 486-1361.

GOOD SHEPHERD PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Photos will be taken for the pictorial directory on the following dates in room 106:

Sundays in November: 5, 12, 19, & 26 (between services & people can step in quickly during Bible study)

Wednesdays in November: 8, 15, 29 (from 5 pm—6:15 pm)

Prior to the Thanksgiving Meal for Seniors (come early for the meal and pose for your photo)